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SUBJECT: PLO VISITORS TO POLAND

REF: PRAGUE 2438

1. EGYPTIAN PRESS ATTACHE NABIL OSMAN MAHMOUD TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER ON SEPTEMBER 7 THAT, ACCORDING TO THE PLO OFFICE IN WARSAW, THERE IS A "GOOD CHANCE" THAT PLO FOREIGN MINISTER KADDUMI WILL BE VISITING SEVERAL COMMUNIST COUNTRIES, INCLUDING POLAND, IN LATE SEPTEMBER OR EARLY OCTOBER. MAHMOUD SAID THAT THE LOCAL PLO REPRESENTATIVE DID NOT BELIEVE ARAFAT WOULD MAKE SUCH A VISIT IN THE NEAR FUTURE (REF).

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2. MAHMOUD SAID PLO REPRESENTATIVES IN WARSAW BELIEVE THAT ARAFAT WILL NOT TRAVEL OUTSIDE THE MIDDLE EAST UNTIL THE LEBANON SITUATION CALMS DOWN. MAHMOUD WOULD NOT SPECULATE ON WHY KADDUMI MAY BE MAKING THE GRAND TOUR. MAHMOUD SAID THAT THE PLO "MINISTER OF INFORMATION" HEADED A PLO DELEGATION TO WARSAW LAST MONTH. AGAIN, MAHMOUD COULD NOT PROVIDE SPECIFICS ABOUT THIS VISIT, BUT HE ASSUMED IT MIGHT BE IN CONNECTION WITH KADDUMI'S PLANNED TRIP.

3. MAHMOUD COMMENTED THAT POLISH OFFICIALS REMAIN CONVINCED ARAFAT IS THE MAIN MODERATE PERSONALITY IN THE PLO. IN THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, THE GOP HAS NOT VARIED FROM ITS SUPPORT OF ARAFAT. HE SAID THE POLES HAD OFFERED THE PLO A LOCATION FOR ITS OFFICE IN WARSAW ONE YEAR BEFORE THE PLO ACTUALLY OPENED IT. THE PLO DELAYED BECAUSE THE ORGANIZATION HAD DIFFICULTY FINDING DIPLOMATICALLY QUALIFIED PERSONNEL AND ARAFAT HIMSELF WAS UNSURE OF THE LOYALTY OF SOME OF THE EARLIER CANDIDATES FOR THE JOB.
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